Havocs done to Agriculturists by the recent floods.

110. Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware of the havocs done by the recent floods to the 'Vattan' cultivators, Tapioca Planters, Banana owners and other agriculturists at Chalakkudi, Meloor, Pariyaram, Muringoor and other places in the State;

(b) if so, any relief measures taken or proposed to be taken?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) Some damage, not to a serious extent, has occured as a result of the recent floods to the Ona Vattan cultivation. Tapioca and Banana cultivation has suffered much in some villages.

(b) It is not usual to grant relief for the loss of Tapioca and Banana cultivation. In the case of Vattan crop, which is the virippu crop in some villages, if, on enquiry, it is found that there is widespread calamity, the question of granting remission will be considered.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.— Why no relief is granted to tapioca and banana?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—They are in the nature of fugitive cultivation. At the time of fixing the assessment, these were not taken into consideration.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are they taxed?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—No.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Has not the Hon'ble Member for Revenue received petitions saying that crops have been damaged to a very great extent in certain parts of the State?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Yes, they are under consideration.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—You say you will not grant a remission unless there is a widespread calamity. If there are individual cases of crops being damaged, will you not give remission?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The existing rules do not permit me that.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— അടുത്തുണ്ടായ വെള്ളപ്പൊക്കംകൊണ്ട് കൃഷിയ്ക്ക് സാരമായ ദോഷം നേരിട്ടിട്ടുള്ള താലൂക്കുകളും വില്ലേജുകളും ഏതാണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—We are just enquiring into the question. The Tahsildars of Trichur, Mukundapuram and Cochin Kanayannur are investigating the extent of damage done to crops in their jurisdiction.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— വെള്ളപ്പൊക്കക്കാലത്തു് കൃഷിയ്ക്കു സാരമായ ദോഷം സംഭവിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ ദിവാൻപേഷ്ക്കാരവർകൾ സഞ്ചരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I have tried as far as possible to inspect all the localities and to the best of my recollection, I have not left any spot uninspected.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— ആ നിലയിൽ സ്വന്തം അനുഭവപ്പെട്ട സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ അധികം ദോഷമുള്ള സ്ഥലങ്ങൾ ഏതാണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It would be hazardous for me to make a statement now. At the time of my inspection, the crops were under water. The exact damage can be known only after the water has gone down. The inquiry is being conducted by my Tahsildars.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—How long is it since the petitions were received?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Even while the flood was there petitions were received. The report as to the number of houses destroyed, the number of lives lost are ready but the question depends upon the inspection of crops and it will be expedited.

Damage to crops—failure of monsoon—Kozhinjampara Firkah.

111. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**——Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have received any petition from the land holders and agriculturists of Kozhinjampara Firkah informing them of the loss of crops owing to the failure of monsoon in the last agricultural year;

(2) if so, have they made a thorough enquiry;

(3) how many acres of paddy fields and parambas suffered for want of rain;

(4) will they be pleased to place the report of the Tahsildar on the table;

(5) how many pattadars were enquired and what were the reports of the Revenue Inspector and the Proverthy Officials;

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